

Amendments to the Claim:

Please amend Claim 69 and enter Claims 70 through 76 to read, as follows.

69. **(Currently Amended)** A method for making a tubular film comprising the steps of:

winding a thermoplastic sheet film on a columnar member with at least two turns so that leading and trailing ends of the wound ~~[[said]]~~ film are positioned ~~placed~~ approximately on a ~~one normal~~ line normal to ~~[[of]]~~ an outer surface of the ~~[[said]]~~ columnar member without overlapping each other;

fitting a tubular molding member over the ~~on said~~ wound film; and

connecting the leading and trailing ends of the ~~[[said]]~~ film by heating the wound ~~at least said~~ film, the columnar member, and the tubular molding member up to a temperature at which the wound film is softened, thereby forming the wound ~~said sheet~~ film into the tubular film.

--70. **(New)** The method according to claim 69, wherein a thermal expansion coefficient of the columnar member is larger than a thermal expansion coefficient of the tubular molding member.

71. **(New)** The method according to claim 69, wherein when the wound film is in a heated state, a tubular film with a thickness is obtained in accordance with a gap between the columnar member and the tubular molding member.

72. (New) The film according to claim 69, wherein the leading and trailing ends of the wound film are butted against each other to form a butted portion.

73. (New) The method according to claim 72, wherein the two ends of the wound film are obliquely cut to form a spirally-formed butted portion.

74. (New) The method according to claim 72, wherein an angle formed between the butted leading and trailing ends is  $90^\circ$  with respect to a film surface.

75. (New) The method according to claim 72, wherein an angle formed between the butted leading and trailing ends is other than  $90^\circ$  with respect to a film surface.

76. (New) The method according to claim 69, wherein said sheet film is made from at least one material selected from the group consisting of thermoplastic polyimide, polyetheretherketone, polyethersulfone, and a fluorine resin.--